



WORK SESSION
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Present: Mayor Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner, Council Members Norman A. Carter Jr., Kerry Hetherington, Cristy Lenski, and Gretchen Schulz. Also present City Manager Matthew Pepper, City Attorney Chuck Ross with Powell and Edwards Attorneys at Law, Assistant Chief David Matson, Public Works Director David Mitchell, Planning and Development Director Jason Thompson, Public Information Officer Brian Arrington, and City Clerk Melisa Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda was reviewed and during discussion Planning Director Thompson explained the process for the 2045 Comprehensive Plan review.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bender shared an invitation with Council that she received from the Hooper Renwick Community.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Ross advised that he needs an executive session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

City Manager Pepper gave an update of ongoing projects. During the update, he shared a proposal from Root Design for The Grove signage project. Consensus was to let the Snell family review the proposal so they could approve use of donated funds for the project.

Discussion of Stormwater Rate Proposal [Bender]

City Manager Pepper said that due to rising costs of maintenance of the stormwater system over the last several years the City has had a shortfall in the stormwater budget. He presented a rate study proposal from ISE, who currently does the City's stormwater review. After discussion, the consensus was to move forward with the study but see if ISE can possibly reduce the proposal since they already maintain our information.

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Discussion about an Urban Camping Ordinance [Bender]

Mayor Pro Tem Warner said that Code Enforcement is having issues with people camping on vacant property and there is no legal mechanism to have them removed unless the property has a no trespassing sign posted.

City Attorney Ross explained that the draft ordinance is modeled after Gwinnett County and other surrounding jurisdictions. It allows the Officers to issue a warning first and find ways to get the people assistance.

Discussion About Vehicle Noise in the City Limits [Carter]

Council Member Carter asked about enforcement of loud vehicles in the City. Assistant Chief Matson advised that the way the law is currently written is a problem because the violation must occur in front of the Officer, which rarely happens. He reviewed the statistics for noise violation citations written in 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

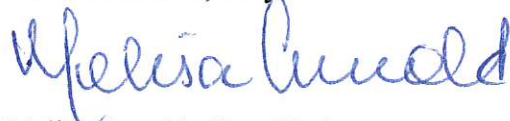
Due to lack of time the executive session is postponed to the next meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Barbara Bender, Mayor



Melisa Arnold, City Clerk